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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Norman Rice

For (title): METHOD FOR A RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT, FAILURE PREDICTION  
AND OPERATING CONDITION DETERMINATION OF ELECTRIC  
EQUIPMENT

1. Type of Application

This application is for a continuation.

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REQUEST FOR NONPUBLICATION OF APPLICATION  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)  
37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a)

1. This request is being submitted with this application on filing.
2. **It is requested that this application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).**
3. This is to certify that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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**2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)**

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications.  
Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE  
BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS CLAIMED.

**3. Papers Enclosed**

**A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) Application**

21 Page(s) of Specification  
3 Page(s) of Claims  
12 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal

**B. Other Papers Enclosed**

2 Page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney  
1 Page(s) of Abstract  
2 Page(s) of Application Data Sheet

**4. Additional Papers Enclosed**

Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)

Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A)

Non-Publication Request

**5. Declaration or Oath**

Enclosed

Executed by inventor.

**6. Inventorship Statement**

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

**7. Language**

English

**8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)**

Regular Application									
CLAIMS AS FILED									
	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$770.00		
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	19	–	20	=	0	x \$	18.00	= \$	0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	2	–	3	=	0	x \$	86.00	= \$	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))						\$	290.00	\$	0.00
Filing Fee Calculation								\$770.00	

**9. Assertion of Small Entity Status**

Applicant is a small entity. Applicant asserts that it is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. Section § 1.27.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above Filing Fee Calculation) \$385.00

**10. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

Enclosed Filing Fee \$385.00

**Total Fees Enclosed** **\$385.00**

**11. Method of Payment of Fees**

Attached is a check in the amount of \$385.00.

**12. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

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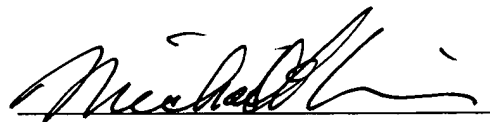
**ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR  
U.S. APPLICATIONS CLAIMED  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.78)**

**13. Relate Back**

This application is a continuation of co-pending application serial no. 09/974,355, issued February 17, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,691,557, which is a continuation of co-pending application serial no. 09/810,934, filed March 16, 2001, now abandoned, which claimed the benefit of provisional application serial no. 60/190,442, filed March 17, 2000.

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